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In the IDS submitted 9 January 2007, Applicants request that the three PCT references previously not considered and crossed out on the IDS of 31 December 2003 be considered and the PTO-1449 be initialed and processed accordingly. However, it is pointed out that these references were considered as indicated on the IDS filed 21 September 2006, a copy of which is enclosed, as is a copy of the IDS filed 9 January 2007, processed by being crossed through, as it is now merely a duplicate.

If the question of the IDS still does appear to Applicants to be resolved, please contact the Examiner as indicated below.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James S. Ketter whose telephone number is 571-272-0770. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Remy Yucel can be reached on 571-272-0781. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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